UNITED STATES GO RNMENT Cosper Conrad DeLoach Gale . February 13, 1964 Tavel 1 - Mr. Belmont Trotter Tele. Boom 1 - Mr. Mohr FROM - Mr. DeLoach 1 COMLANISE. SUBJECT: - Mr. Sullivan LEE HARVEY OSWALD INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. Stokes This is to detail our handling of a situation that developed Mexico City shortly after the assassination and to set forth the position in connection therewith we took with the State Department here and in Mexico City. The Director has expressed concern about several reference to FBI concurrences in actions taken in connection with this situation which appear in a series of telegrams between the State Department and that on 9/18/63 he observed Oswald receive Agency (CIA), \$6,500 in the Cuban conulate, Mexico City, as part payment to carry out an assassination in the U. S. He was extensively interviewed by CIA and through 11/28/63 maintained his story was truthful. On receipt of Alvarado's allegation we undertook investigation endeavoring to place Oswald on 9/18/63 and Ambassador Mann began to theorize, as it had been a established that Oswald was in the Cuban Consulate, Mexico City, in late September and early October, 1963, that Oswald was acting as a Castro E agent in the assassination. On 11/25/63 Mann cabled the State Department that he recommended an FBI officer thoroughly knowledgeable of all aspects of the assassination investigation be sent from headquarters to Mexico City for consultation as to action to be taken. He told State that then Legal Attache, Mexico City, concurred in this recommendation. This was no so for the Legal Attache by 11/25/63 cable advised that he attempted with-This was not out results to dissuade Ambassador Mann from requesting assistance from headquarters. The Legal Attache recommended against sending any one from the Bureau to Mexico City and on 11/26/63 the State Department was advised p3 that we felt the Ambassador's request was not warranted. On 11/27/63 Ambassador Mann sought authority from State to request ne Cuban Embassy, had been advised by Alexis Johnson, Deputy Undersecretary of State, the Bureau was considered to be in full charge of the investigation in Mexico Old the dame date City and that we were expected 'to call the shots, 105-82555

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Alexis Johnson relayed the same thought to the Deputy Attorney General who was advised by Assistant Director Evans that State and CIA had jurisdiction in dealing with foreign governments and in matters involving intelligence coverage abroad and that while we were cooperating fully with State and CIA in Mexico, the responsibility regarding the Alvarado matter in Mexico rested with State and CIA.

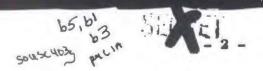
In view of the expressed attitude of Ambassador Mann and Johnson the Bureau dispatched Supervisor Lawrence Keenan to Mexico City on the evening of 11/27/63 and on the morning of 11/28/63 Keenan and Legal Attache unequivocally outlined this position to Ambassador Mann. The Legal Attache recommended on 11/28/63 that the best course of action regarding Alvarado, a Nicaraguan,

of State Johnson and outlined our position. Johnson said that Ambassador Mann had not informed by of the developments and that he realized it was the Ambassador's responsibility to take action in Mexico and if the Ambassador did not desc, it was up to Johnson to issue the necessary instructions. Johnson said that the specific recommendation made by the Bureau concerning turning Alvarado over to the Mexicans was exactly what he had in mind and felt it was most fortunate that the Ambassador was receiving this professional kind of help from an organization which was most qualified.

Alvarado was turned over to the Mexicans and, on 11/29/63 admitted that his allegation was a hoax designed to induce the U.S. to overthrow Castro. However, following this Alvarado on his release by the Mexicans on 12/2/63 recanted and alleged that he admitted his allegation was a hoax only through fear of bodily harm at the hands of the Mexicans. At this point the Mexicans were holding Alvarado subject to deportation to Nicaragua... In order to resolve the question of whether or not Alvarado was lying and noting the necessity of some action prior to Alvarado returning to Nicaragua, we, on the morning of 12/3/63, strongly urged CIA to afford Alvarado a polygraph examination in which we offered to participate by having the Legal Attache act as interpreter. This was accomplished on 12/5 and 6/63 with the result that the polygraph examiner concluded Alvarado was not telling the truth. Alvarado at the conclusion of the examination admitted that such was the case.

## SUMMARY:

We made two recommendations concerning the handling of the Alvarade



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These recommendations were made after the Deputy Attorney General Deputy Undersecretary of State Johnson and Ambassador Mann were clearly informed as to our position that the decision for action to be taken in Mexico was that of State and CIA. The fact that Ambassador Mann finally understood this is clear from his statement in his 11/28/63 telegram. to Johnson in which he lauded the work of our Legal Attache and said that he wished to make it clear that "the responsibility for all the recommendations made by this Embassy are solely mine and not theirs" (CIA and FBI).

## ACTION:

None, for information.

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